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HON. H.E. STROM NOW DIRECTS DMA

RETAINS

HUMAN RESOURCES DA : AEMO

The Honourable Harry Edwin Strom is now the 15th Minister of Municipal Affairs. His appointment dates from July 16th when he left the Department of Agriculture to take the oath of his new office at a ceremony in the Legislative Building.

The new Minister succeeds the Hon. E. H. Gerhart who held the Municipal Affairs portfolio from June 29, 1967 to July 15, 1968. Mr. Gerhart was appointed Attorney General on May 13, 1968.

In addition to Municipal Affairs, Mr. Strom has a number of other responsibilities in government dating from June 29, 1967. He continues to serve as the first Chairman on the Human Resources Development Authority and retains the work of administering the Civil Defence and Disaster Act under his appointment as Minister-in-Charge of the Alberta Emergency Measures Organization.

The sixth of 11 children, Mr. Strom was born July 7, 1914, on the family homestead at Burdett in south-east Alberta. His early education was at Burdett and in Calgary. Both of his parents were born in Sweden. They had settled first in Minnesota and then moved to Burdett in 1909.

In his rural area, Mr. Strom's farming activities were varied, including grain, irrigation crops such as sugar beets, and a live-stock operation involving commercial feeder stock.



HON. H.E. STROM

His early interest in local government led him to be serving as a municipal councillor at the age of 26 in his municipal district of Forty Mile (now a county). His long record of public service also includes membership on school boards, on the South Alberta Water Development Board and in the South Alberta Water Conservation Association. He is a past director of his Rural Electrification Association and the Western Canada Reclamation Association. In addition, he has been President of a Home and School Association and an Agricultural Improvement Association.

First elected to the Legislature as member for Cypress in the General Election of 1955, the Hon. H. E. Strom was re-elected in the elections of 1959, 1963 and 1967. He was named to the Cabinet with his appointment as Minister of Agriculture on October 15, 1962.

Mr. Strom married the former Ruth Johnston of Bow Island, Alberta. The Stroms have six children, three sons and three daughters. They make their home in south Edmonton, where Mr. Strom is also a member of the Foreign Missions Board and Chairman of the Board of Deacons of the Evangelical Free Church.

URBAN TRANSPORT CONFERENCE

AT TORONTO FEB. 9-12

The Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities is organizing Canada's first urban transportation conference for Toronto, Feb. 9-12, 1969. Representatives of major urban centres, the federal and the provincial governments, will study overall problems of transit in Canada's bigger cities.

John Steel, a former Calgary City Commissioner, is Executive Director for the Conference.



DR. J. WEATHERILT (R) Mayor of Lamont, Alberta's newest town, accepts the towns' "Certificate of Incorporation" from the HON. E. H. GERHART (L) at a ceremony in Lamont August 5. The Hon. E. H. Gerhart, now Attorney General, had been the Minister of Municipal Affairs when the town incorporated May 31, 1968.

Lamont is the first municipality in Alberta to receive such a certificate of incorporation. The new four-colour document is designed for display in a municipality's offices or perhaps, its council chamber. Details of Incorporation appear over the seal of the Department of Municipal Affairs and the signature of the Minister.

The document was designed and produced within the Department of Municipal Affairs this year at the instigation of the Hon. E. H. Gerhart when he learned that many Alberta municipalities have no document suitable for publicly displaying features of their incorporation.

Municipalities incorporated in 1968 will be the first to receive the new certificates, followed by those incorporated in 1967, 1966, and so on, until gradually, all municipalities will have received one.

... NEW AND AMENDED LEGISLATION

MUNICIPAL ACTS SUMMARIZED

Enactments pertaining to municipal administration, as approved at the last session of the Alberta Legislature, were summarized in a letter sent earlier this year to all secretary-treasurers from Bruce Ramsay, Chief Municipal Inspector.

Some of the items listed in the summary are given here. It is emphasized however, that reference should be made to the appropriate Act or Amendment obtainable from the Queen's Printer when exact information is required on any specific item.

• The Alberta Housing Act, 1968

For the purposes of clarification and continuity the Alberta Housing Act, 1968 was totally re-written and became effective May 2nd, 1968. The Act repeals the old Act and incorporates several amendments which were deemed necessary.

Generally speaking, the new Act falls under four main headings and a subsequent General section. These four main headings can be

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Quotes & Phrases



"There is no woman better equipped to run for politics, especially at the municipal level, than a woman who has children."

Charlotte Whitton
at
Carleton University, December 12, 1967

NEW LEGISLATION Continued from Page One

listed as Public Housing, Land Assembly, Land Development Projects, and Urban Renewal.

The major changes in the "Public Housing" section are as follows:

- Public housing units can now be sold as well as rented. This is specifically described in the definition section.
- The Province has increased its contribution towards the operating losses of a project undertaken by a municipality on the 90% loan basis. The legislation allows for the Province to assume up to 50% of the operating losses or require the municipality to pay 10% thereof.
- The assent of the proprietary electors is also now required to a by-law authorizing a borrowing for this purpose.

Under the heading "Land Assembly Projects", the only difference in this section from the Old Act is that provision is made for the leasing of lots developed under a land assembly scheme. The assent of the proprietary electors is also now required to a by-law authorizing a borrowing for this purpose.

The "Land Development Project" section is a totally new addition to the Act and allows for the Province or a municipality to acquire, service and sell or lease land for residential purposes. The financing for this type of project would be on a 90% loan basis from the Federal government. The disposition of land in this case could be on a direct sale or on a lease basis as well.

The difference between a land assembly project and a land development project is primarily the financing. In addition, under land development projects, the Province or a municipality could also construct housing units for lease or sale in conjunction with the land development projects.

Under the heading of "Urban Renewal" the amendments were primarily for clarification from the standpoint of making the sections dealing with the maintenance and occupancy by-laws coincident with that provided for in The Planning Act. The assent of the proprietary electors is also now required to a by-law authorizing a borrowing for this purpose.

The section headed "General" provides for a clarification of the functions of the Alberta Housing and Urban Renewal Corporation and authorizes the Province or the Corporation to acquire or expropriate land for its purposes.

• The Electric Power and Pipeline Assessment Act

Section 2, subsection (d) is amended by renumbering clause (viii) as (ix) and inserting the following new clause:

(viii) Drain lines and flare lines.

This is to remove drain lines and flare lines from the categories covered by this Act.

Clause d(i) is amended by adding immediately after the words "transmission of gas or oil or both" the words "or salt, brine, wood products or coal."

The purpose of this amendment is to provide for the assessment under this Legislation of pipe used to convey salt and brine from salt mine wellheads and to provide for the assessment of pipe used to convey other types of material in proposed future developments.

Clause d(ii) is amended by adding immediately after the words

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THE CHANGING SCENE

• TOWNS

Bassano Secretary-Treasurer . . . Miss Jean Routledge
Coleman Secretary-Treasurer C.F. Schil
Falher Mayor L. Choquette

• VILLAGES

Crossfield Secretary-Treasurer E. Ransom
Derwent Secretary-Treasurer E. Mudryk
Spruce Grove Secretary-Treasurer F.E. Nordlund

• CITIES

Lethbridge City Clerk John Gerla

• NATIONAL PARKS

Western Region Director Wm. McKim
Western Region Assistant Director R.K. Plowman
Banff National Park Superintendent S.F. Kun

• AAMD & COUNTIES

Assistant to Secretary-Manager C. Noble

"glycol or gas" the words "or any substance."

The purpose of this amendment is to provide for the assessment of pipe now being tested and used to enhance and speed recovery from petroleum formations conveying substances not covered by this legislation.

Clause d(vii) is amended by striking out the words "oil or gas" and the word "gas" where they appear therein.

The purpose of this amendment is to exclude any pipe located in any type of facility mentioned in the clause from assessment under authority of this Act.

Section 2, clause g. is amended by striking out clause g. and substituting a new clause.

This amendment is to provide a legal authority for the assessment of cablevision installations under this Act.

Section 4 is amended by striking out clauses b, c, d, and e and by substituting new clauses b to g.

The purpose of this amendment is to remove flare lines from the exemption section and place them under a renumbered Section 2 (viii) which will have the effect of removing this type of pipe from the jurisdiction of this Act and thus authorize the assessment of such installations under the provisions of The Municipal Taxation Act. The amendment will also remove from exemption certain types of installations at a damsite that are wholly or partly used for the generation or production of electric power.

Section 19 is amended by striking out the words "Sections 28 to 53 of The Assessment Act 1960 and Sections 493 to 520 of The City Act" and substituting therein the words "Sections 32 to 54 of The Municipal Taxation Act."

This amendment is required in view of the 1967 repeal of the assessment and taxation provisions of The City Act and The Assessment Act and the passage of The Municipal Taxation Act 1967.

The amendments to this Act are effective May 2, 1968.

• The Municipal Taxation Act

Section 8 is amended by adding a new subsection (4) and clarifies the manner of assessment relating to a parcel of land which is subject to zoning and used for agricultural or residential purposes.

- the use of the land at the date of assessment is now the governing factor.
- if at the date of assessment the land is used for the raising or production of crops, livestock, poultry, etc., and if the owner derives from such activity an income sufficient to provide a livelihood the parcel shall be assessed as farm land.

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COMING EVENTS

Sept.	
30-Oct. 4	Canadian Good Roads Association Annual Convention Toronto
Oct.	
6-9	Community Planning Association of Canada National Planning Conference Victoria, B.C.
29-Nov. 1	AUMA 62nd Annual Convention Lethbridge
Nov.	
6	ASTA Annual Convention Calgary
13-15	AHA Annual Convention Edmonton
19-22	AA of MD's and Counties 60th Annual Convention Calgary

NEW LEGISLATION

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- (c) if at the date of assessment the land is used for residential purposes and is occupied by the owner or purchaser or by his spouse or children as a place of residence, the parcel shall be assessed according to its residential use unless it qualifies for assessment as agricultural land as previously mentioned.

Section 9 is amended firstly as to clause a. of subsection (2) by extending from three to five years the life of a by-law which prescribes that 20% of fair actual value shall be used for assessment purposes in the case of land which has been subdivided by a Developer.

Secondly as to subsection (3) by providing that a by-law of Council granting a fixed assessment on land under development may be renewed at the discretion of the Council. Formerly such a by-law was not renewable.

Section 10 has been struck out and a new Section added which clearly authorizes the Lieutenant Governor in Council to allocate improvements into different classes and prescribe different percentage rates applicable to fair actual value for assessment purposes, i.e., pursuant to the 1959 Assessment Manual machinery and equipment assessed at 30% of fair actual value, single family residential buildings at 50% of fair actual value, other improvements at 60% of fair actual value and pursuant to the 1967 Assessment Manual machinery and equipment assessed at 22 1/2% of fair actual value, single family residential buildings at 27 1/2% of fair actual value, other improvements at 45% of fair actual value.

A new 10a. has been added which replaces the former subsection (3) of Section 10 and gives direction to the Assessor in determining the value of an improvement for assessment purposes.

Section 11 is amended by removing reference to Section 10 which no longer has application to this Section.

Section 15 is amended as to subsection (4) and now requires that when machinery and equipment and apparatus comprising a special franchise is assessed, the Assessor shall allow accrued depreciation to the date of assessment. Formerly the requirement was that annual depreciation be allowed.

Section 16 is amended as to subsection (2) by adding after the words "owner of the parcel" the words "or the occupant in the case of Crown lands."

Section 19 deals with the right of a municipality to assess Crown land during the year in which the property may be sold and a new clause (e1) is added which will require the municipality to mail an assessment slip to the purchaser.

Previously this Section allowed for the assessment of the land, the entering of the assessment on the assessment roll and the levying of a tax, but did not provide the purchaser with a right of complaint or appeal against the assessment placed.

Section 20, subsection (1) is amended as to clause 5. for the purpose of separating from the exemption granted to land, the exemption which may be granted to a building or any part thereof which may be used for divine service, public worship or religious education.

The reason for this separation is two fold:

- To ensure that if a parcel forming the site of a church building exceeds the area for which exemption is provided and as a result of which the parcel as a whole becomes assessable, the exemption which may be granted to a church building or portion thereof will not be destroyed.
- A new clause 5a. will now deal separately with an improvement and specifically provides exemption for a building or

SECRETARY'S CALENDAR



New Legislation - THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT and THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION ACT were effective June 1, 1968 with the exception of some of their sections that are noted in the Acts as coming into effect on a later date.

AUGUST						
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FOR

Municipal Government Act

Treasurer shall submit to council monthly, or at such other interval as the council may prescribe, a correct statement of the monies standing to the credit or debit of the municipality. Sec. 58.

August 31 - In Summer Villages, first meeting of council to be held not later than this date. Sec. 10.

Municipal Election Act

August 17 - Election Day for Summer Villages if a vote is required. Sec. 19.

Appoint returning officer. Sec. 20.

Enumerators shall be appointed to complete an enumeration of electors residing in each polling division or electoral division in which a vote is required. Sec. 42.

The final list of electors to be prepared not later than one week before polling day. Sec. 44.

Post list of electors and publish the list for 2 consecutive weeks in a newspaper having general circulation. Sec. 45.

Addition of names to the list of electors to the 4th day before polling day. Sec. 46.

Municipal Taxation Act

August 31 - Council may pass a by-law on or before this date to authorize the assessor to use the current years assessment for the next following year. Sec. 22 and 24.

School Act

August 1 - Requisition due to Department of Education for the second third of the School Foundation Program Fund. Sec. 304a.

Crown Property/Municipal Grants Act

Each municipality is reminded to make application for grants in lieu of taxes on Crown properties as set out in the above central act.

Tax Recovery Act

August 1 - Not later than August 1st the Land Titles Office shall notify registered owners etc. of any caveat. Sec. 7.

		SEPTEMBER						
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Municipal Government Act

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Sept. 30 - In Summer Villages, auditor to be appointed not later than this date. Sec. 10.

Municipal Election Act

Sept. 11 - Notice of nomination meeting by the returning officer on or before this day for a city, town or village. Sec. 53.

Sept. 18 - Nomination Day in a city, town or village. Sec. 51.

Municipal Taxation Act

Sept. 15 - Third quarter of the supplementary school requisition due. Sec. 136(2).

The secretary-treasurer shall mail tax notices and also notification of estimated assistance by the Province to all ratepayers. Sections 102 and 103.

Alberta Hospitals Act

Sept. 1 - Second third of Hospital Benefits Plan requisition due to Department of Municipal Affairs. Sec. 50.

1967 AND 1968

EQUALIZED MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENTS

PREPARED BY THE ASSESSMENT EQUALIZATION BOARD

• J. B. LAIDLAW, Chairman

• DONALD A. BANCROFT, Member

• R. L. CROSS, Secretary-Member

WHEREAS under provisions of Section 21 of The Municipalities Assessment and Equalization Act, being Chapter 61 of the 1957 Statutes as amended, the Board is, in each year, required to determine an equalized assessment in respect of each and every municipality in the Province.

NOW THEREFORE We, the Alberta Assessment Equalization Board, do order that the equalized assessment for the year 1968, in respect to the municipalities listed herewith, be in the amount as set out opposite the name on each of the said municipalities.

EQUALIZED ASSESSMENTS OF ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES

• CITIES

	1967	1968
Calgary	\$ 624,591,858	\$ 666,217,400
Camrose	14,955,599	15,774,560
Drumheller	6,603,761	8,234,273
Edmonton	658,604,153	691,985,720
Grande Prairie	16,906,405	17,656,014
Lethbridge	66,097,262	67,907,300
Lloydminster	6,521,620	7,138,888
Medicine Hat	47,564,584	48,281,197
Red Deer	41,157,181	41,843,243
Wetaskiwin	9,745,031	9,929,054
Total	\$ 1,492,747,454	\$ 1,574,967,649

• TOWNS

	1967	1968
Athabasca	\$ 1,859,377	\$ 2,148,695
Barrhead	3,905,342	4,196,544
Bashaw	1,031,441	1,098,394
Bassano	1,042,678	1,042,684
Beaverlodge	1,270,575	1,359,129
Black Diamond	793,731	766,345
Blainmore	1,872,190	1,868,213
Bonnyville	2,654,907	2,725,493
Bow Island	1,515,460	1,540,925
Brooks	4,747,208	5,096,401
Calmar	777,094	768,523
Canmore	1,565,933	1,577,789
Cardston	3,331,331	3,209,306
Carstairs	920,389	938,370
Castor	1,341,937	1,379,780
Claresholm	2,847,607	2,922,098
Coaldale	2,509,518	2,616,031
Cold Lake	1,169,406	1,177,976
Coleman	1,035,165	1,043,477
Coronation	1,091,500	1,152,114
Daysland	786,979	806,113
Devon	2,644,201	2,596,490
Didsbury	1,860,374	1,914,860
Drayton Valley	3,744,144	3,822,893
Eckville	850,111	859,793
Edson	4,869,883	5,024,968
Elk Point	906,149	952,364
Fairview	2,618,090	2,735,160
Falher	1,043,849	1,133,839
Fort Macleod	3,631,797	3,604,703
Fort McMurray N.T.	2,813,248	3,589,377
Fort Saskatchewan	13,670,966	15,286,988
Fox Creek N.T.	(Established 1967)	167,346
Gleichen	469,892	481,133
Grande Cache N.T.	Nil	Nil
Grand Centre	1,684,019	1,723,634
Granum	398,520	403,979
Grimshaw	1,717,540	1,812,150
Hanna	3,034,899	3,154,109
Hardisty	641,715	670,225
High Level N.T.	716,970	992,921
High Prairie	2,673,035	3,012,119
High River	3,395,270	3,459,321
Hinton	11,159,010	11,471,756
Innisfail	3,587,188	3,623,001
Irvine	253,180	261,955

Killam	1,047,829	1,144,064
Lac La Biche	1,806,126	1,925,126
Lacombe	4,738,285	4,795,794
Leduc	4,203,118	4,289,961
Lodgepole N.T.	332,166	321,414
Magrath	1,323,891	1,342,842
Manning	1,205,655	1,337,467
Mayerthorpe	968,941	1,063,756
McLennan	870,969	977,496
Milk River	1,270,719	1,310,786
Morinville	1,059,953	1,128,559
Mundare	822,101	829,208
Nanton	1,178,617	1,209,529
Okotoks	1,054,890	1,067,759
Olds	4,522,823	4,610,987
Oyen	824,587	961,984
Peace River	5,934,970	6,604,585
Picture Butte	2,068,125	2,069,010
Pincher Creek	3,766,778	3,752,310
Ponoka	6,115,137	6,328,022
Provost	1,924,933	1,996,077
Rainbow Lake N.T.	Nil	145,727
Raymond	1,636,250	1,612,902
Redcliff	2,988,937	3,106,908
Redwater	1,322,347	1,287,566
Rimby	1,964,560	1,999,199
Rocky Mountain House	3,048,724	3,319,478
Sedgewick	809,846	848,021
Slave Lake	983,849	1,326,084
Smoky Lake	1,130,060	1,126,690
Spirit River	1,187,368	1,233,787
Stavelly	429,834	449,381
Stettler	5,906,023	6,154,646
St. Albert	14,007,271	14,715,214
St. Paul	5,179,733	5,242,072
Stony Plain	2,188,146	2,291,507
Strathmore	1,284,744	1,335,144
Sundre	759,973	821,271
Swan Hills	998,613	1,077,770
Sylvan Lake	2,055,570	2,034,025
Taber	7,543,536	7,950,059
Three Hills	1,915,897	1,957,292
Tofield	1,299,877	1,321,368
Trochu	1,051,994	1,064,525
Two Hills	1,742,786	1,776,771
Valleyview	1,618,098	1,713,810
Vauxhall	1,098,423	1,205,740
Vegreville	6,044,723	6,588,219
Vermilion	4,400,501	4,506,886
Viking	1,322,921	1,520,283
Vulcan	2,273,416	2,324,944
Wainwright	5,066,468	5,096,583
Westlock	3,852,358	4,054,678
Whitecourt N.T.	2,825,087	3,121,215
Total	\$ 243,432,364	\$ 255,586,069

• VILLAGES

	1967	1968
Acme	\$ 454,672	\$ 473,180
Airdrie	946,541	969,686
Alberta Beach S.V.	763,178	743,800
Alix	772,386	785,031
Alliance	495,547	489,567
Amisk	140,413	139,098
Andrew	778,863	788,400
Argentina Beach S.V.	199,053	236,284
Arrowwood	254,547	236,309
Barons	527,336	414,601
Bawlf	286,492	296,098
Beiseker	567,895	607,532
Bellevue	664,718	653,933
Bentley	884,761	903,622
Berwyn	427,830	420,916
Betula Beach S.V.	41,607	44,419

Big Valley	410,675	410,436	Lakeview S. V.	29,395	30,307
Bittern Lake	80,973	81,602	Lamont	935,783	990,122
Blackfalds	828,823	826,322	Lavoy	187,814	190,623
Blackie	253,277	250,461	Legal	463,554	475,759
Bon Accord	214,881	217,840	Linden	268,152	287,948
Bonnyville Beach S. V.	76,477	77,254	Lomond	337,011	334,727
Botha	157,148	155,888	Longview	231,280	239,758
Bowden	662,082	651,973	Lougheed	275,307	269,278
Boyle	705,376	748,039	Ma-Me-O Beach S. V.	474,759	430,165
Breton	416,718	439,172	Manville	844,707	876,183
Bruderheim	402,922	376,804	Marwayne	544,798	544,579
Burdett	230,212	235,147	Millet	441,726	438,566
Carbon	502,805	521,291	Mile	242,896	249,072
Camangay	341,107	337,982	Minburn	158,485	157,127
Caroline	219,045	217,439	Mirror	343,208	365,752
Castle Island S. V.	44,751	46,011	Morrin	324,814	323,264
Cayley	134,883	133,360	Munson	72,943	70,695
Cereal	203,127	202,770	Myrnam	589,613	605,860
Champion	487,328	477,465	Nakamun Park S. V.	62,750	64,344
Chauvin	419,384	444,629	Nampa	346,255	376,031
Chinook	105,452	104,450	New Norway	270,628	259,977
Chipman	290,880	307,313	New Sarepta	256,107	242,500
Clive	269,134	303,652	Nobleford	625,154	667,343
Cluny	229,053	245,120	Norglenwald S. V.	279,494	282,315
Clyde	299,152	296,550	Onoway	498,584	513,434
Cochrane	989,082	993,888	Paradise Valley	235,865	235,917
Consort	683,276	769,034	Penhold	503,741	513,882
Coutts	644,477	665,762	Plamondon	184,066	192,450
Cowley	206,048	210,336	Point Alison S. V.	72,946	78,337
Craigmyle	124,666	121,694	Poplar Bay S. V.	147,118	152,084
Cremona	237,357	260,952	Radway	293,066	284,926
Crossfield	600,853	619,101	Rochan Sands S. V.	78,372	78,238
Crystal Springs S. V.	174,931	186,988	Rockyford	426,398	423,229
Czar	193,065	208,469	Rosalind	247,963	266,931
Delburne	438,677	432,045	Rosemary	241,619	243,796
Delia	416,232	426,785	Ross Haven S. V.	178,227	169,650
Derwent	411,812	415,689	Rumsey	142,545	142,605
Dewberry	268,359	261,124	Rycroft	630,408	637,697
Donalda	368,053	396,456	Ryley	603,360	640,811
Donnelly	280,886	286,356	Sandy Beach S. V.	156,386	159,332
Duchess	240,372	239,875	Sangudo	351,063	354,698
Eaglesham	185,286	238,450	Seba Beach S. V.	470,737	508,605
Edberg	182,417	169,078	Sexsmith	727,582	732,587
Edgerton	380,163	403,577	Silver Beach S. V.	208,874	259,685
Edmonton Beach S. V.	109,719	108,916	Spruce Grove	1,098,981	1,209,179
Elhorna	206,003	230,654	Standard	411,011	406,506
Empress	413,933	414,557	Stirling	276,117	274,433
Entwistle	306,861	249,395	Strome	287,532	288,461
Evansburg	476,668	499,032	Sunset Point S. V.	136,112	147,382
Ferintosh	179,082	176,216	Thorhild	581,662	604,175
Foremost	720,305	750,095	Thorsby	946,215	987,922
Forestburg	742,395	765,679	Tilley	276,706	282,140
Fort Assiniboine	136,373	140,022	Torrington	198,106	205,184
Frank	175,120	170,879	Turner Valley	459,944	481,913
Gadsby	97,993	96,362	Val Quentin S. V.	135,972	136,054
Galahad	263,766	284,602	Veteran	311,483	349,546
Ghost Lake S. V.	138,544	143,483	Vilna	460,572	466,248
Gibbons	247,672	251,838	Wanham	280,230	284,353
Girouxville	434,439	455,842	Warburg	457,671	486,246
Glendon	368,236	376,532	Warner	710,503	715,002
Glenwood	189,948	191,191	Warspite	216,146	218,262
Golden Days S. V.	282,452	294,197	Waskatenau	360,273	360,263
Grandview S. V.	179,318	172,142	Wembley	243,236	223,911
Grassy Lake	305,019	270,938	West Cove S. V.	142,385	146,988
Gull Lake S. V.	213,700	228,329	Wildwood	424,909	414,047
Hairy Hill	197,519	203,575	Willingdon	634,627	634,419
Halkirk	156,992	156,593	Yellowstone S. V.	111,323	115,213
Hay Lakes	267,916	272,351	Youngstown	238,719	247,532
Heislir	233,212	252,008			
Horseshoe Spring	124,172	118,504			
Homes Creek	636,284	637,065	Total	\$ 59,811,849	\$ 60,921,246
Holden	834,061	747,613	• COUNTIES	1967	1968
Hughenden	296,693	305,343	Grande Prairie #1	\$ 12,726,489	\$ 12,965,391
Hussar	329,812	333,897	Vulcan #2	17,723,285	17,815,465
Hythe	602,296	623,278	Ponoka #3	14,829,127	14,800,935
Innisfree	453,019	453,792	Newell #4	14,451,540	14,707,192
Irma	587,419	607,456	Warner #5	12,574,290	12,716,102
Irricana	187,846	189,740	Stettler #6	18,479,261	18,251,234
Island Lake S. V.	82,594	79,878	Thorhild #7	10,024,490	9,959,121
Itaska Beach S. V.	169,775	204,462	Forty Mile #8	14,946,732	15,071,538
Kapasiwin S. V.	119,995	119,107	Beaver #9	13,768,963	13,788,829
Kinuso	369,680	323,481	Wetaskiwin #10	16,339,773	16,311,885
Kitscoty	351,514	358,480	Barrhead #11	6,822,228	6,805,882

COUNTIES (Cont'd)	1967	1968
Athabasca #12	6,870,360	6,811,731
Smoky Lake #13	4,938,428	4,953,097
Lacombe #14	21,122,107	21,806,860
Wheatland #16	20,048,811	20,138,963
Mountain View #17	28,037,600	28,836,451
Pointearth #18	9,703,674	9,782,918
St. Paul #19	7,684,010	7,756,755
Strathcona #20	58,676,661	58,856,252
Two Hills #21	9,133,756	9,156,337
Camrose #22	20,404,024	20,217,034
Red Deer #23	30,063,257	30,298,267
Vermilion River #24	18,613,221	18,746,522
Leduc #25	35,252,895	34,445,598
Lethbridge #26	18,998,243	19,042,339
Minburn #27	12,340,855	13,171,010
Lac Ste. Anne #28	7,636,465	8,048,298
Flagstaff #29	16,762,190	16,800,301
Lamont #30	12,720,212	11,668,300
Total	\$ 491,692,947	\$ 493,730,607

• MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS

Cardston #6	\$ 12,879,123	\$ 12,523,744
Pincher Creek #9	11,904,690	11,868,603
Taber #14	12,061,185	12,349,214
Willow Creek #26	15,550,016	15,570,276
Foothills #31	21,175,993	21,005,678
Acadia #34	2,512,356	2,510,330
Rocky View #44	31,221,190	37,501,285
Starland #47	10,666,900	10,764,879
Kneehill #48	19,714,081	19,831,384
Provost #52	10,763,976	11,211,987
Wainwright #61	10,298,630	10,293,523
Stony Plain #84	26,921,277	26,539,044
Bonnyville #87	9,380,600	9,468,225
Sturgeon #90	23,864,476	24,071,803
Westlock #92	12,017,560	12,145,841
Smoky River #130	5,281,972	5,428,190
Spirit River #133	2,090,930	2,080,900
Peace #135	2,911,371	3,699,525
Fairview #136	3,391,062	3,411,263
Total	\$ 244,607,388	\$ 252,275,604

SUMMARY

Municipalities	1967	1968
Cities	\$ 1,492,747,454	\$ 1,574,967,649
Towns	243,432,364	255,586,069
Villages	59,811,849	60,921,246
Counties	491,692,947	493,730,607
MD's	244,607,388	252,275,604
ID's	168,984,902	186,069,243
Special Areas	31,139,468	33,648,533
Grand Total	\$ 2,732,416,372	\$ 2,857,198,951

For the benefit of those who keep files of the COUNSELLOR, we advise that there was not an issue of the COUNSELLOR for the months of April and May, 1968.

NEW ASSESSMENT OFFICE OPENS

... at Medicine Hat

Roy I. Woodward has been named District Assessor for the new Medicine Hat District of the Lethbridge Assessment Region. The Medicine Hat office opened in the Provincial Building in that city on Monday, June 3. Other staff members with Mr. Woodward are Assessors E.M. Dunay and A. Obrigewitch. Miss Shirley Miskiw is their Clerk-Stenographer.

The Medicine Hat assessment district takes in the City of Medicine Hat; the Towns of Brooks, Bow Island and Redcliff; the Villages of Burdett, Grassy Lake and Foremost; the Counties of Newell and Forty Mile; the M.D. of Acadia and I.D.'s 11, 22 and 24. Assessment services will be available to all of these municipalities when the District office becomes fully operational with additional assessors.

Assessment services for these municipalities (except the I.D.'s) was formerly handled directly from the regional assessment office in Lethbridge.

• IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS

No. 8	\$ 1,376,784	\$ 1,400,984
No. 10	3,677,330	3,861,250
No. 11	12,316,415	13,094,662
No. 22	2,166,971	2,683,515
No. 24	2,239,651	3,006,860
No. 27	2,309,583	2,374,530
No. 33	378,586	302,495
No. 42	1,661,390	1,662,829
No. 46	8,070,379	7,551,986
No. 50	81,973	98,210
No. 51	14,666,766	14,999,850
No. 58	1,162,262	1,601,611
No. 65	6,948,282	8,281,623
No. 68	4,256,450	4,265,353
No. 69	445,729	1,168,349
No. 77	15,271,287	15,318,387
No. 78	14,956,280	15,780,508
No. 79	614,894	689,758
No. 80	7,906,667	8,209,348
No. 85	87,039	98,760
No. 95	6,258,160	8,665,450
No. 96	248,684	249,994
No. 97	46,784	52,242
No. 101	791,435	828,923
No. 102	1,832,847	1,899,193
No. 107	1,110,228	1,125,136
No. 108	705,653	712,724
No. 109	11,650,610	11,662,921
No. 110	4,509,026	4,494,270
No. 111	160,524	188,232
No. 121	81,593	94,130
No. 122	135,016	169,630
No. 123	10,364,456	11,546,659
No. 124	2,307,880	2,845,993
No. 125	3,783,499	3,761,863
No. 126	4,153,270	4,249,952
No. 128	288,335	281,332
No. 129	1,025,286	2,900,386
No. 131	1,790,685	2,113,879
No. 132	3,208,675	3,304,788
No. 134	3,792,466	4,912,880
No. 138	3,432,181	3,518,154
No. 139	4,425,330	4,768,459
No. 143	630,406	733,223
No. 144	295	635
No. 145	21,207	697,922
No. 146	326,266	1,761,186
No. 147	1,044,730	1,224,053
No. 148	29,304	32,967
No. 149	149,473	721,197
No. 150	85,880	99,936
Total	\$ 168,984,902	\$ 186,069,243

• SPECIAL AREAS \$ 31,139,468 \$ 33,648,533

NEW LEGISLATION

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any part thereof either of which is chiefly used for divine service, public worship or religious education.

Also, and where a portion of a building qualifies for exemption under this clause, the remainder of the building may be assessed for taxation so long as it is used for other than religious purposes.

Section 20, subsection (1) is amended as to clause 9. for the purpose of separating from the exemption granted to land, the exemption which may be granted to a building used as a hospital or in connection therewith.

The reason for this amendment is two fold:

- To ensure that if the area of a parcel forming the site of a building used as a hospital or in connection therewith exceeds the area for which exemption is authorized and as a result of which the hospital as a whole becomes assessable, the exemption which may be granted to a hospital building will not be destroyed.
- A new clause 9a. will now deal separately with an improvement and specifically provides exemption for a building used as a hospital or in connection therewith.

Section 20, subsection (1) is amended as to clause 22. for the purpose of clarifying the intention of this clause as it relates to land

and improvements used as a summer camp for children.

Section 20, subsection (1) is amended as to clause 29, by substituting the word "specially" with the word "specifically".

Section 27 deals with the requirement on the part of an Assessor to make an annual assessment on certain types of property and subsection (1) is amended in line with a revision to Section 15 previously mentioned by replacing the words "annual depreciation" as it applies to assessable machinery and processing equipment and by substituting the words "accrued depreciation to the date of assessment."

Section 30, subsection (2) is amended for purposes of clarification as to clause (d) by adding at the end thereof the words "to the owner" and as to clause (e) by adding at the end thereof the words "the purchaser".

Section 36 is amended by striking out subsections (6), (7), and (8) which conflict with earlier subsections of this Section which deal with the constitution of the Court of Revision.

Section 36 is amended as to subsection (12) by removal of the requirement that the Council of a municipality must pass a by-law for the purpose of paying the remuneration and expense money to Court of Revision members. Henceforth these accounts may be paid by the Secretary-Treasurer on authorization of Council.

Section 38, subsection (3) is amended for the purpose of removing the permissive right of a ratepayer to leave notice of complaint to the Court of Revision at the Secretary-Treasurers' place of abode.

Section 29 is amended as to subsection (2) by way of removing on the part of the Secretary-Treasurer the necessity of forwarding by registered mail, notices as to the date of the sitting of the Court of Revision. Such notice may now be forwarded through ordinary mail.

Section 44 is amended as to the authority of a Court of Revision in dealing with complaints and clarifies the fact that an assessment can not be adjusted so long as the value of the parcel under complaint has been calculated in fair and just proportion to the value at which all other lands in the municipality are assessed.

Section 45 is amended as to subsection (2) for the purpose of clarifying the requirement on the part of the Court of Revision to complete the hearing of complaints within 150 days after the publication of the notice of the completion of the assessment roll. Previously Court of Revision duties were required to be completed within 150 days after the completion of the assessment roll even though notification of completion was published on some date subsequent to the completion thereof. Actually the assessment roll is not completed until after the sitting of the Court of Revision as per Section 48 of the Act.

Section 54 is struck out and a new Section added which specifically requires the assessment roll to be confirmed, altered or amended according to the decision of the Appeal Board. When the decision of the Board is reserved and rendered at a later date then upon receipt of official notice from the Board the municipal secretary, or the assessor in the case of a city, must thereafter alter or amend the roll according to the terms of the decision and must write his name or initials opposite any alteration or amendment so made.

Section 76 is amended in two parts:

- (a) by providing a new subsection (1) for the purpose of clarifying the intention of the Legislation as it relates to the imposition of a business assessment and a business tax.

Effective on Assent.

- (b) subsection (3) of this Section is amended for the purpose of indicating clearly that where a business tax represents a percentage of assessed value such procedure can only apply in a case where the business assessment has been determined on a rental basis.

Effective January 1, 1968.

Section 78 is amended by providing a new subsection (1) which clearly requires that the assessor shall complete his business assessment in accordance with the requirements of the business tax by-law of the municipality;

- (a) either on a rental basis or alternatively,
- (b) on the basis of storage capacity or area occupied in accordance with the assessment rates fixed in the by-law.

Section 81 is struck out and a new Section is added which relieves the Appeal Board from the necessity of dealing with any appeal taken against the rate of business tax struck by the Council of a municipality. In other words, the Appeal Board may only deal with matters pertaining to a business assessment and can not become involved in matters relating to a business tax levy.

In line with the amendment to Section 81, Section 82 has been amended by way of removing any right of appeal against the rate of levy employed for business tax purposes.

A new Section 82a. has been added which provides that where the Appeal Board amends an assessment rate in a business tax by-law

as a result of an appeal, the assessor of the municipality must forthwith reassess all other businesses affected thereby even though no appeal has been taken by the owners of such businesses.

Section 86 subsection (1) has been amended by adding a new clause (d1) which authorizes a municipality to levy a mill rate on the assessments of property to meet the costs appropriated for recreational services and capital works expenditures in connection therewith.

Subsection (2) of Section 86 is amended to relieve property assessed under The Electric Power and Pipe Line Assessment Act in a municipal district, county, improvement district or special area from any special tax imposed to meet the cost of recreation services or capital expenditures in connection therewith.

A new subsection (11) has been added to section 86 to provide that a council can amend the mill rate by-law only if such amendment is made prior to the date of mailing the tax notices.

Section 102 is amended to provide that the secretary is only authorized to mail one tax notice during the year with respect to each parcel.

In the case of claims for taxes against fire insurance policies after fire, section 111 is amended to require the insurer to clear the payment under the policy with the taxing authority where there was a loss payable only for damages to the building or to the personal property in the case of a business assessment and providing there was a total loss or a loss payable under the policy in excess of \$500.00 whichever was the lesser.

Section 137 item 11 has been deleted and a new item substituted permitting the acquisition, design, erection, construction operation and maintenance of street malls as a local improvement.

Section 141 has been amended to provide that the provisions of this section can now also apply to a sewer that has already been built.

Section 145 has been amended to permit all owners whose property may become liable to local improvement assessments to sign a petition against the local improvement regardless of whether or not the land was otherwise assessable and taxable.

Section 156 has been amended to delete the words "at the rate not exceeding 8% a year."

Section 168 has been rewritten to provide that, in the case where a reduced special frontage assessment has been authorized due to the odd size of a parcel and where the odd shaped parcel has later been re-subdivided, the council is permitted to make a revision of the number of feet of frontage liable to the special frontage assessment.

These amendments were effective as of and from May 2nd, 1968 except the amendment to subsection (3) of section 76 which was made effective retroactively to January 1st, 1968.

• The Planning Act, 1963

The Provincial Planning Director has sent a letter to every municipal Secretary-Treasurer with a detailed explanation of all changes in 1968. The following provisions are the more significant.

- (a) Subdivisions: Regional Planning Commissions become subdivision approving authorities for all applications emanating from land located in the regional planning areas, including all land that is under the normal jurisdiction of non-member municipalities. (effective June 16, 1968).
- (b) Regional Plans: Preliminary regional plans shall be completed by the regional planning commissions for their regional planning areas (member and non-member municipalities within the area to be declared as their regional planning area) by the 1st January, 1972. (effective June 16, 1968).

- (c) Development Officers and Development Appeals: Where control over development is being exercised either by zoning by-law or development control by-law, it is now mandatory to appoint a development officer. It also becomes mandatory that the development officer and/or the municipal planning commission (if one has been appointed, and provided that the council has assigned it this duty in whole or in part) shall receive, consider and decide all applications for development permits within the municipality. In certain cases, it is now necessary to give notice of the decision either by posting on the site, mailing or by publishing a notice in a local newspaper. From that decision an appeal may be lodged by an affected person within 14 days to the development appeal board (or, if a council has not appointed one) to the council. A decision of the development appeal board or council is final except for an appeal on a matter of law or jurisdiction which may be taken to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Alberta. (effective May 2, 1968).

LAMONT JOINS TOWNS

The Village of Lamont (pop. 835) became a town on May 31, 1968 under authority of Order-in-Council 986/68 passed May 28, 1968.

The council of the village had petitioned the government to order formation of the town before June 1, because after that date, provisions of the new Municipal Government Act require all communities except new towns to have at least 1,001 inhabitants in order to be eligible for town status.

Lamont first became a hamlet in 1906. It was named after the Hon. Mr. Justice Lamont of the Supreme Court of Canada. It was made a village on June 14, 1910.



TOWN ADMINISTRATION

(L to R) Secretary-Treasurer C. Varga, Councillor G. Mo-shansky, Mayor J. L. Weatherill, Councillor E. Lebedkin.

The town will continue under a village-type administration until the regular fall elections in 1968, when six councillors and a mayor will be elected for three-year terms.

Offices of the County of Lamont No. 30 are located in the town.

NEW LEGISLATION

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The Planning Act, 1963 (Continued)

- (d) By-laws: A new and modified process for the passing of municipal by-laws concerning planning has been introduced. While the procedure for advertising the by-law and holding public hearings has not changed, advice on the content of the by-law and its conformity with the requirements of The Planning Act is now obtained from either the Director of a Regional Planning Commission if the by-

law emanates from a municipality situated in a regional planning area; or the Municipal Planning Commission or Development Officer of the Cities of Edmonton or Calgary; or the Provincial Planning Director in all other cases. The same party has the right now to make representations at the public hearing. After the by-law is passed it is still mandatory to deposit a copy of the statutory declaration and two copies of the by-law with the Provincial Planning Board, although the Board is no longer involved in approving the by-law. (effective May 2, 1968.)

• The Municipal Election Act

There are some new approaches to elections in the new Act, some of which include the lowering of the voting age to 19 years, the permissive use of voting machines, 3 year terms for mayor and councillors with all being elected at one time, the removal of the need for property qualifications to hold municipal office and the option to use a system of registration of voters in preference to the present system of enumeration.

• The Municipal Government Act

This is a new Act from which councils of all cities, towns, villages, summer villages, counties and municipal districts will derive their powers and duties to govern their respective municipalities.

A significant principle of the new Act is that with a few minor exceptions, the councils of all local municipal governments, regardless of size or status will enjoy virtually the same powers.

Provisions have been included which will permit under certain conditions, the financing of capital expenditures beyond the year in which the expenditure is made, without the necessity of issuing debentures. Councils will have new powers to encourage improved medical services, to renovate and rehabilitate existing capital assets, to regulate store hours, to create and use reserve funds and to modernize their administration procedures by the use of executive committees.

As from June 1st, 1968, the new Act repealed and replaced The City Act, The Town and Village Act, The Municipal District Act and The Early Closing Act and the Houses of Public Accommodation Act.

• Civil Defence and Disaster Act

Section 7(5)(f) - This section was amended to indicate that payments may be made for the services of the Canadian Forces in a "Disaster". The words "civil defence" were deleted as payments to the Canadian Forces are not anticipated in wartime.

Section 7(6) - This section was amended to bring the term for designating the Canadian Forces in line with the terminology used in Section 7(5)(f).

Section 12 - This amendment added the words "or disaster" in order to provide protection for officials when carrying out measures related to "disaster" as well as for "civil defence".

Alberta Assessors' Association

certifies by this document to all whom it may concern that

Ernest Keith Denning

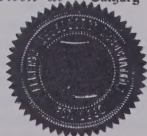
has shown the Accreditation Committee a record of education, experience and other qualifications, to satisfy the conditions established by the Alberta Assessors' Association, and is hereby granted the designation

Accredited Municipal Assessor of Alberta

with all privileges and honors, and the right to use the title as proof of credentials for the performance of assessment duties in Alberta.

In testimony whereof are appended the signatures of the Chairman of the Accreditation Committee, the President, and the Registrar of this Association, together with the common seal of the same.

Given at Calgary on this 18th day of April, 1968.



[Signature]
President

[Signature]
Registrar

[Signature]
Chairman, Accreditation Committee

- Each accredited municipal assessor in Alberta now has a certificate such as this for public display. Over 140 of these certificates were issued at the 1968 Assessor's Conference in Calgary, April 19.

- They represent completion of three successful years of study in a university program and at least four years of active work in municipal property assessments.

- They also represent the first step in the Alberta Assessor Association's program to achieve professional status for the assessor.



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